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Mr. Alexander F. Jones
Executive Editor
Syracuse Herald Journal
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Dear Mr. Jones:

I hope your trout fishing in northern Quebec was more successful than my bass fishing off Stony Island. However, I did have some success -- and I was glad to be in the North Country for a few days.

Your interest in CIA, particularly to help put it in its proper perspective, is indeed appreciated. There are, however, limitations by statute, as well as valuable cooperation with foreign intelligence units that limit our cooperation in such an endeavor. For example, we cannot by law give the size of our organization. We cannot by law give past triumphs and endeavors because we would reveal intelligence sources and intelligence methods. Silence is necessary if we are to be effective. I am enclosing a pamphlet initially issued in 1953 and revised last month which may prove of interest to you.

I hope you will come. info. W.D.
I would be delighted to discuss this whole matter with you sometime when you are in Washington but I wouldn't want you to make a special trip for that purpose. Since I have been with CIA I gave one public interview, a copy of which is also enclosed.

I recall our meeting at the cocktail party at the Sheraton-Park Hotel prior to the dinner which honored the ten outstanding federal workers, one of whom was Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Inspector General of the CIA. He was born in Rochester and is a brother of Helen Kirkpatrick, a well known newspaper writer. I missed your talk because I had to attend another function that evening.

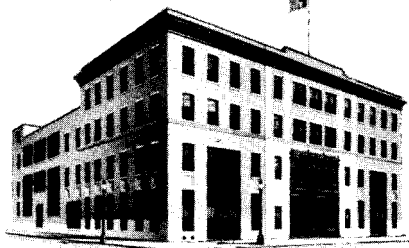
You were most kind to tell me of the sendoff my brother, John Foster Dulles, gave you on your around-the-world trip in 1955. I am always happy to hear of these small personal touches that add to one's own fond memories.

Your wartime services on the Washington Post are well known to me and you have not been forgotten in the Nation's Capital.

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Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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July 10, 1961

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Thank you for your valued note of July 1. While you were at Henderson Harbor I was in northern Quebec probing the trout situation.

I often go to Henderson Harbor for a bass expedition. Frank Ash of the Sealright Company has invited me to Stony Island for the tag end of this month.

I wonder if you have ever seen the little booklet Mr. Ash had prepared containing the five sketches Robert Lansing wrote about bass fishing off Stony Island. It is enough to make any bass fisherman drool.

The main purpose of this note, however, is to suggest something that has been in my mind for a long time.

As you may know, I was managing editor of The Washington Post for 15 years and had an opportunity to watch our efforts through some troublesome times.

The real effort to coordinate our intelligence has come under your direction since I have been here in Syracuse.

The American public knows little of that effort and I would consider the time well spent in seeing to it that C.I.A. is put in its proper perspective.

I am well aware of the need for secrecy in C.I.A. operations.

I would not suggest for a moment that I be handed any confidential matters for my purpose is not sensational revelation.

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles

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I simply feel the American public is entitled to know what I am sure the Kremlin knows; i.e., that the U. S. is no longer a sitting duck from an intelligence standpoint.

What could be more important from the standpoint of public morale than assurance this nation is no longer an aggregation of strong backs and weak minds?

I would like enough information about the size of the organization, the diversity of its program, and some of its past triumphs and endeavors for a series of newspaper articles.

There would have to be enough inside information to convince any reader I knew what I was talking about.

Our organization -- the Newhouse Group -- is the third largest in the country and is comprised of 14 newspapers, five television and radio stations, and seven magazines in the U. S., Great Britain and France. All of the material I obtained would be used in one way or another in spreading the idea that this country is adequately armed, intelligence-wise.

I hope this idea finds favor with you.

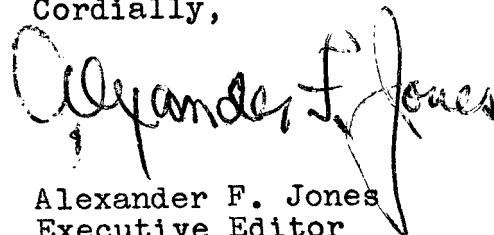
I sincerely feel the public is entitled to know some of the specifics of its intelligence operation so that when someone suggests blandly it be abolished there can be an appropriate rebuttal.

I will gladly come to Washington if you desire to discuss the idea personally.

The last time I saw you, Mr. Dulles, was at a cocktail party at the Shearson-Park preceding the annual dinner of the Civil Service League last year at which 10 outstanding federal workers are honored. You came to greet a colleague who was one of those honored -- a gentleman in a wheel chair. I was the speaker that night.

In 1955 John Foster Dulles gave me a great sendoff on a trip around the world and opened every door that could be opened in 15 countries. I will never forget it.

Cordially,



Alexander F. Jones
Executive Editor

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